

**Question for written answer E-002336/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Support of and visibility in Pride marches and other public LGBTI events

Visibility for the LGBTI movement is important in advancing the rights of, and building greater recognition for, the LGBTI community. In this regard, however, 2016 was a year of mixed success and failure in upholding the right to freedom of assembly.

Under the EU's foreign policy, the Guidelines to promote and protect the enjoyment of all human rights by LGBTI persons oblige EU institutions to publicly support the exercise of freedom of assembly and expression. No such policy document exists for internal policy, and the engagement of EU institutions and representations in Member States with Pride marches and other public events has been inconsistent, and its visibility limited.

1. Can the Commission elaborate on its plans to support Pride marches within the EU, especially within the context of growing populism and shrinking space for civil society?
2. Does the Commission see a possibility for increased visibility of the EU at Pride marches within the EU, through EU flags, rainbow flags at EU buildings, participation of Commissioner Jourová or other public figures at events, or other expressions of support?
3. Does the Commission plan to mark the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia at its buildings throughout the EU by raising the rainbow flag?